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MAMMALS (02.05-61)

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM SUBJECT SOVIET PROJECT LEADER V. ZEMSKOV, TO HIS U.S. COUNTERPART, R.V. MILLER. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS IN PARA 2 BELOW. ORIGINAL POUCHED TO EPA FOR SHOSTAL, REGISTRY NO. 952727. LETTER DOES NOT SPECIFY LOCATION OF SUBJECT WORKING GROUP MEETING SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN USSR IN JULY, AND KAZAKOV CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT SOVIETS ARE NOW CONSIDERING HOLDING MEETING IN BAIKAL. WE NOTE THAT ZEMSKOV ACCEPTS U.S. PROPOSAL TO SEND THREE SOVIET SPECIALISTS TO SAN DIEGO TO STUDY U.S. EXPERIENCE IN KEEPING MARINE MAMMALS IN CAPTIVITY. WE SUGGEST THAT FINAL U.S. CONFIRMATION OF THIS TRIP BY SOVIET SPECIALISTS AWAIT SOVIET PROPOSAL OF SATISFACTORY WORKING GROUP ITINERARY IN THE USSR, INCLUDING VISITS TO BAIKAL, MAGADAN AND VALDIVOSTOK REQUESTED BY U.S. SIDE. (REF A).

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2. DEAR DR. MILLER:

WITH THIS LETTER, I AM INFORMING YOU OF SOME DETAILS OF JOINT ARRANGEMENTS IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR AND OF THE TRIP OF TRAPPING (ZVEROBOIMIY) VESSEL "ZUBAREVO". DR. FEDOSEYEV AND I ARE PLANNING TO TAKE PART IN THE AIR SURVEY WORK ON THE GREENLAND WHALE. HOWEVER, THE HIGH RATES OF

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS MAY BE AN OBSTACLE IN CONDUCTING THE JOINT WORK. WE CANNOT PAY MORE THAN 60 DOLLARS A DAY FOR TWO OF US. AT THE END OF APRIL I SHALL BE IN CANADA (OTTAWA OR MONTREAL) AND FROM THERE I PLAN TO GO TO NEW YORK TO JOIN DR. FEDOSEYEV AND TOGETHER WITH HIM WE SHALL GO TO ALASKA TO THE AIRPORT YOU MENTIONED.

ON FINISHING THE AIR SURVEY I SHALL RETURN TO THE USSR TO PREPARE THE WORKING GROUP SESSION AND DR. FEDOSEYEV WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE TRIP OF "SURVEYOR". DR. MINAYEV IS THE SECOND PARTICIPANT AND HE WILL ARRIVE IN THE USA AT THE BEGINNING OF THE TRIP. THEREFORE I ASK YOU TO TELL US WHICH PORT THE VESSEL WILL DEPART FROM. AT THE SAME TIME PLEASE SEND US THE ITINERARY OF "SURVEYOR" INCLUDING THE NUMBER AND DURATION OF CALLS, AS WE BELIEVE THAT OUR PARTICIPATION WILL BE ON THE BASIS "THE RECEIVING SIDE PAYS."

OUR TRIP TO THE BERING SEA AND THE CHUKCHI SEA WILL TAKE PLACE FROM THE BEGINNING OF JUNE TILL THE END OF AUGUST. WE PLAN TO CONDUCT WORK IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE BERING SEA DURING THE FIRST PART OF THE PERIOD AND IN THE CHUKCHI SEA DURING ITS SECOND PART. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AND ACCORDING TO YOUR REQUEST CONCERNING THE PERIOD OF AMERICAN COLLEAGUES' PARTICIPATION IN THE WORK (THE LAST 4 WEEKS OF THE TRIP) IT WOULD BE CONVENIENT TO TAKE THEM ABOARD THE "TRAPPING" VESSEL "ZUBAREVO" IN THE AREA OF BARROW POINT
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AND LAND THEM, AT YOUR REQUEST, NEAR ESKIMO SETTLEMENT GAMBELL AT THE EASTERN PART OF ST. LAWRENCE I.

TO COLLECT THE MATERIAL IN THE U.S. FISHING ZONE DURING THE TRIP WE PLAN TO SHOOT SEALS AND WALRUSES IN THE FOLLOWING QUANTITIES: WALRUSES- 200, RIBBON SEAL- 100, HARBOR SEAL - 200, RINGED SEAL - 350, AND BEARDED SEAL - 100. PLEASE COMMUNICATE YOUR OPINION CONCERNING THESE QUANTITIES AND YOUR REQUIREMENTS REGARDING SHOOTING SEALS IN THE USSR FISHING ZONE.

AS BEFORE, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE JOINT SESSION IN THE USSR WILL TAKE PLACE EARLY IN JULY BUT THE PLACE OF THIS SESSION HAS NOT BEEN NAMED YET. WE RECEIVED WITH SATISFACTION YOUR INFORMATION OF THE POSSIBILITY OF ORGANIZING JOINT SEMINARS OR MEETINGS FOR DISCUSSION OF THE THEMES PERTAINING TO SEA MAMMALS.

IF YOU DO NOT OBJECT TO OUR SENDING TO SAN DIEGO THREE SPECIALISTS IN LATE MAY THIS YEAR TO EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE IN KEEPING SEA MAMMALS IN CAPTIVITY, I SHALL SEND A TELEGRAM TO DR. EVANS.

SINCERELY, V. ZEMSKOV. TOON

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